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For: **STENCIL PRINTING MACHINE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of May 27, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire August 27, 2003, making this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

Entry of the within amendment is respectfully requested under rule 1.116 as it is submitted that the amendment places all pending claims in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections and allow this application.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment under Rule 1.116;
- (3) Check 19170 (\$168) for two additional independent claims in excess of basic filing fee

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is required and has not been separately requested herein, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

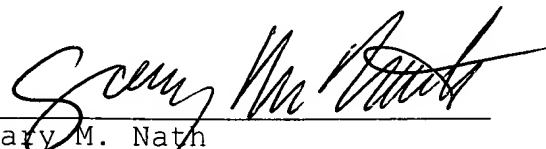
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Respectfully submitted,

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